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SUBJECT: NEXT CSTP MEETING AND PREPARATIONS FOR U.N.
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND
DEVELOPMENT.

1. DAVID BECKLER, DIRECTOR DSTI IS INFORMALLY SOUNDING OUT DELEGATIONS TO DETERMINE WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT OF CSTP MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 18-19, 1977. HE IS SUGGESTING EITHER FEBRUARY 9-10 OR 16-17, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ONE DAY DEVOTED TO FORUM ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND MECHANISMS FOR STIMULATION OF INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE (DSTI/D/76.105 DATED 23 NOVEMBER 1976).

2. MISSION CONSIDERS BECKLER PROPOSAL PERSUASIVE. SEVERAL DELEGATES NOTED AT LAST MEETING THAT TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN OCTOBER AND JANUARY TOO SHORT. OECD STAFF STRIKE LOST SEVERAL DAYS OF WORK ON DOCUMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING. BECKLER ANXIOUS TO PERSONALLY EDIT AND SUPERVISE DOCUMENTATION TO ASSURE HIGH QUALITY AND TIMELY PUBLICATION, BUT HE HAS BEEN CAUGHT UP IN CONTINUING BUDGET DEFENSE FOR DIRECTORATE, CAUSING FURTHER SLIPPAGE OF EFFORT. FOR THESE REASONS, MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY DATES.

3. SINCE THERE IS LIVELY INTEREST IN OTHER DELEGATIONS
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TO LEARN OF U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR U.N. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN 1977, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT REPORT ON NOVEMBER 17 MEETING IN DEPARTMENT AND PLANS FOR FUTURE PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES, AT THE NEXT CSTP MEETING. MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. DELEGATION PREPARE BRIEF VERBAL REPORT, POSSIBLY SUPPLEMENTED BY APPROPRI-

ATE DOCUMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO DELEGATIONS. IT IS
BELIEVED THAT FEW OECD COUNTRIES HAVE MOVED AS FAR AS
WE HAVE AND WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON CURRENT STATE OF
U.S. PREPARATIONS.
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